

Survive a “Month” in Poverty *in Northwest Michigan*

Our Community Neighbor and Leader Invitation

A Poverty Simulation Workshop

Friday, September 19, 2014

9:00 am to 12 noon *light refreshments served*

NMC Hagerty Conference Center

715 E Front Street

Traverse City, MI 49686

"Survive a 'Month' in Poverty" is a community leadership skills 3-hour conference, hosted by the Traverse Bay Poverty Reduction Initiative (PRI). This learning opportunity invites a deeper understanding about the daily challenges of living in poverty for more than 23,345 individuals and families throughout Northwest Michigan.

Begun in 2004, the Traverse Bay **Poverty Reduction Initiative** is a grassroots effort to **prevent and reduce poverty for our neighbors, friends, and families** throughout **Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau counties**.

Traverse Bay PRI workshop co-sponsors: Northwestern Michigan College and Michigan State University.



Workshop participants role-play persons in poverty in a variety of circumstances and situations: Some are newly unemployed, some have just experienced desertion of the breadwinner, others receive temporary assistance for needy families and children, and others are older residents challenged by illness and isolation.

During the workshop, you and your “family” will be part of a community that includes a bank, police station, school, grocery store, an employment office, food pantry, human services office, and pawnshop. Your main task is to provide both shelter and basic necessities for your family for a whole “month” (divided into four 15-minute “weeks”). Your fate may change overnight with a *luck of the draw card* that could bring you unexpected income *or* an unplanned expense.

At the conclusion of the simulation, you will be invited to share your poverty experiences, reactions and insights in a prevention and solution discussion led by Northwestern Michigan College Social Science instructors Brandon Everest and Diane Emling.

NMC Extended Education Services

Make your reservation today: \$15 (scholarships available)

Phone: 231 995-1700 or 800 748-0566 ext 1700

Mail: NMC-EES 1701 E Front Street, Traverse City, MI 49686

Walk-In: NMC University Center, Suite 108
2200 Dendrinos Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686

Registration Form
Survive a "Month" in Poverty (code: 2022)

Name _____ Birthday _____ Male Female
Mailing Address _____
City & State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Day/Cell Phone _____
Email _____

Cash Check (Payable to NMC)

VISA, MasterCard, Discover: _____

Exp. Date _____ CCV _____ (last 3 digits on back of card)

Cardholder's Name _____

- **Phone** (credit card only) **to:** (231) 995-1700 or 800-748-0566, ext. 1700
- **Online** (credit card only) **to:** www.nmc.edu/ees
- **Fax** (credit card only) **to:** (231) 995-1708
- **Mail Registrations to:** NMC-EESD, 1701 E. Front Street, TC, 49686-3061
- **Bring to:** Extended Education office, NMC University Center, Cass Road

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